

Exempting security devices from competitive-bid requirements

HB 2368 by Holzheuser/Whitmire

DIGEST:	<p>HB 2368 would have amended the list of exemptions from municipal competitive-bid requirements to include the procurement of security devices, services or personnel necessary to preserve or protect the public health and safety of a city's residents.</p> <p>HB 2368 would have also added a legislative finding that the increased potential for terrorist acts against facilities operated by cities has resulted in the increasing use of security procedures and equipment and that the disclosure of plans, schematics and other information that could be obtained through the competitive-bid process is not in the public interest.</p>
GOVERNOR'S REASON FOR VETO:	<p>"This bill was prompted by the suggestion that there is an increased danger of terroristic activity because of the Persian Gulf crisis. Other methods exist to protect the confidentiality of security systems without eliminating the need for competitive bidding and the dangers posed by that elimination appear to be at least as great as those the bill seeks to address."</p>
RESPONSE:	<p>Rep. Steve Holzheuser, author of HB 2368, had no comment.</p>
NOTES:	<p>HB 2368 was analyzed in the May 9 <i>Daily Floor Report</i>.</p>